

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota *Office of the Governor*

Whereas, Sergeant First Class Leroy A. Petry's dedication to service has made him a valuable asset to this country; and,

Whereas, We have few occasions to properly recognize patriotic individuals for their service to this country; and,

Whereas, Sergeant First Class Petry has served in the United States Army since September 1999, and is currently stationed at Joint Base Lewis McChord, Washington, where he assists injured Rangers; and,

Whereas, Sergeant First Class Petry was awarded the Medal of Honor in a ceremony on July 12, 2011, for his actions during a firefight in Afghanistan as a Staff Sergeant in the 2nd Ranger Battalion. He became the second living recipient of the award; and,

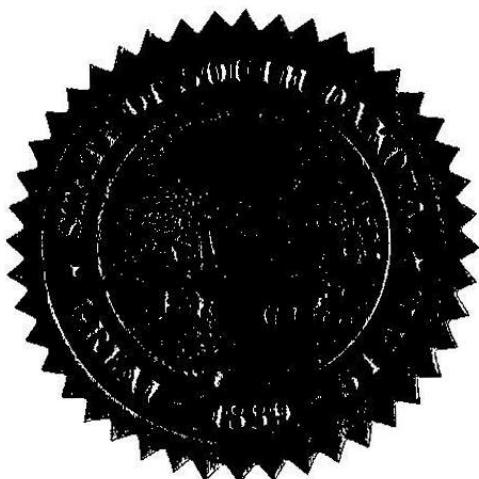
Whereas, Sergeant First Class Petry recovered from his injuries and continues to give of himself by re-enlisting for an indefinite term of service; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Sergeant First Class Leroy A. Petry for his heroic actions in Afghanistan and his continued service to this country:

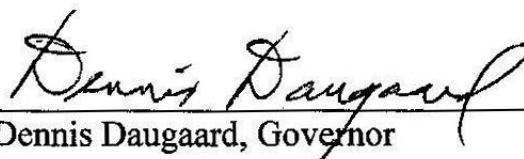
Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 11, 2012, as

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS LEROY A. PETRY DAY

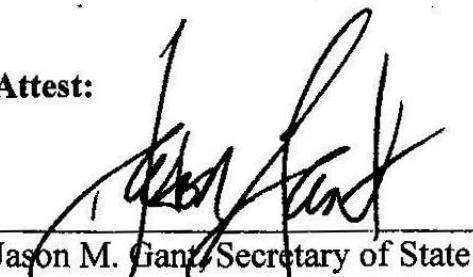
in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends by thanking him for bringing honor to his state and for honorably serving the United States of America.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.


Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:


Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State